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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate
Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol, Room 211
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on Senate Resolution 58/Senate Concurrent Resolution 81

The Department of Transportation Services is in <u>strong support</u> of this resolution, and our office oversees the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program for the City and County of Honolulu.

This measure promotes broader participation by all public schools in SRTS, and DTS encourages all schools to join the program. A SRTS plan can help schools, parents, and the community identify ways to make it safer for children to walk and bike to/from school and create partnerships to achieve SRTS goals. The SRTS program is also comprehensive in that it considers five E's to encourage children to walk and bike more to/from school: Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement, and Evaluation.

DTS encourages every school to have an SRTS plan regardless of the number of children who currently walk or bicycle. We are working on a project near Fern Elementary School that proposes a separated walkway for pedestrians on Kamehameha IV Road and Kahauiki Street where there is currently no sidewalk for children to use on their way to school.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony

Very truly yours,

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